## **Supporting Information**

# Simple ruthenium-catalyzed reductive amination enables the synthesis of a broad range of primary amines

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#### Supplementary methods

#### Detailed procedure the preparation of primary amines by Leuckart-Wallach reaction

To a 250ml four-necked flask, equipped with a dropping-funnel, thermometer, water segregator and down-directed condenser, 5 equivalents of ammonium formate were added and stirred at 120°C to melt the solid ammonium formate. After complete melting of ammonium formate, 1-5 mmol of substrate (carbonyl compound) was added and allowed to react for 24 h at 140 °C. Then, the flask was cooled down to the room temperature and the obtained formamide of the corresponding amine was hydrolyzed with 5 equivalents of concentrated aqueous hydrochloric acid (36-38%) by refluxing at 110 °C for 9 h. After cooling to the room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with 15 ml of water and filtered. Then the filtrate was extracted with 30ml ether to remove water-insoluble material. The filtrate containing the corresponding amine in HCl salt form was neutralized with aqueous NaOH (15%) and extracted thoroughly with ether (5 x 50 mL). The ether factions were combined and were evaporated to obtain the corresponding primary amine.

#### Supplementary note

#### Concentration of 5 in Fig. 1a (manuscript)

In the concentration-time graph (Fig. 1a), **5** appears to be formed at the beginning of the reaction and then seems to be consumed during further reaction progress. **5**, however, cannot be converted to any other product under our reaction conditions (*vide supra*). We therefore sought for an explanation of the apparent formation and decrease of **5**. As can be seen in Fig. 1d, the hydrogenation activity of the catalyst system drops rapidly for temperatures > 130 °C. Therefore, we expect that while the reaction is cooled down, the hydrogenation reactions quickly ceases, leading to a higher concentration of primary imine. While the thermal energy is still sufficient, the primary imine can then trimerize (which proceeds even at room temperature, see Ref. 78 manuscript) and cyclize (which requires elevated temperature) to form **5**. While this side reaction during cool down would not affect the optimized reaction (since there is no primary imine left after complete hydrogenation), it could occur for incomplete reactions (e.g. when the reaction is stopped prematurely). In line with this reasoning, we found that when the optimized benzaldehyde amination is stopped after just 30 min, 30% yield for **5** is obtained (see Fig. S4). Therefore, we propose that formation and apparent decrease of **5** in the concentration-time profile is an artifact resulting from prematurely quenching the reaction.

## **Supplementary Tables**

**Supplementary Table 1.** Preparation of primary amines from aldehydes and ketones by Leuckart-Wallach reaction.

Entry	Aldehyde /Ketone	Conv.	Yield of formamide	Yield of primary	
			(GC/GCMS yield)	amine (isolated yield)	
1		>99	85% (10% diamino benzyl formamide)	75%	
			(3% tri benzylamine)		
2		75%	60% formamide 14% diamine	53% (14% diamine)	
3	но	80%	75%	70%	
4	VO.B VO.B	>99%	90% (5-8% of corresponding acid)	5% (84% of benzyl amine. Boronic acid ester group was cleaved)	
5	F F	>99%	20% (78% of other products were observed)	15%	
6	€ N <sup>−</sup> O	>99%	25% (20% pyridyl carboxylic acid. 53% other products)	15%	
7		>99%	10% (88% quinoline carboxylic acid	5%	
8		>99%	30% (20% one C-C double bond cleaved formamide product. 48% of other products)	10%	



**Reaction conditions:** 1-5 mmol of substrate, 5 equivalents of ammonium formate, 140 °C, 24 h. After the formation of corresponding formamide, 5 equivalents of aq. HCl (concentrated 37%) was added and refluxed at 110 °C for 9h and filtered, washed with diethyl ether and then the filtrate was neutralized with NaOH. Finally, the product was extracted thoroughly with ethyl acetate to obtain the corresponding free primary amine.

Supplementary	Table 2.	Reductive	amination	of selected	aldehydes	and	ketones	using	different
RuCl <sub>2</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> loa	ding								

Entry	Aldehyde/ketone	RuCl <sub>2</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	Conversion	Product (s) (GC		
		loading (mol%)		yield(s))		
1	$\gamma^{\circ}$	0.1	80%	0% Primary amine 77% Secondary imine		
2	X X X	0.5	80%	19% Primary amine 60% Secondary imine		
3	X CON	1	99%	<ul><li>70% Primary amine</li><li>25% Secondary imine</li><li>4% Side product 5</li></ul>		
4		0.1	10%	9% secondary imine		
5		0.5	80%	60% Primary amine 15% Alcohol 20% Secondary imine		
6		1	99%	95% Primary amine 5% Alcohol		
7	Br	1	99%	99% Secondary imine		
8		1	99%	99% Secondary imine		
9	но	1	30%	30% Imine		



Reaction conditions: 0.5 mmol benzaldehyde/ketone, 0.1-2 mol% RuCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, 5-7 bar NH<sub>3</sub>, 40 bar H<sub>2</sub> 1.5 mL t-amyl alcohol, 130 °C, 24 h

#### NMR data of amines

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.64 (br s, 3H), 8.20 – 8.12 (m, 1H), 8.04 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.71 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 4.52 (s, 2H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 133.67, 131.12, 130.45, 129.48, 129.10, 127.74, 127.21, 126.69, 125.82, 123.93, 40.81. Brown solid.

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<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.70 (br s, 3H), 7.74 – 7.59 (m, 6H), 7.52 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 4.05 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 140.61, 139.99, 133.76, 130.08, 129.45, 128.13, 127.20, 127.15, 42.24. White solid.

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.24 (br s, 3H), 7.42 – 7.19 (m, 10H), 4.44 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 141.53, 129.24, 128.29, 127.47, 48.90, 42.90. Off-White solid.

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.62 (br s, 3H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H)), 3.94 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 138.08, 131.51, 129.46, 129.46, 42.34, 21.24. White solid.

NH₃<sup>+</sup>CI<sup>-</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.31 (br s, 3H), 4.05 (s, 2H), 2.23 (s, 15H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 135.75, 133.51, 132.70, 128.46, 37.73, 16.97. White solid.

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<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.68 (br s, 3H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (s, 2H), 1.25 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 151.24, 131.58, 129.29, 125.67, 42.21, 34.76, 31.53. pale Brown solid.

TM5-220



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.61 (br s, 3H), 7.38 (s, 2H), 7.31 (s,1H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 1.24 (s, 18H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 150.96, 133.50, 123.79, 122.08, 43.16, 35.01, 31.67. White solid.

TM5-226



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.61 (br s, 3H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (s, 2H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 133.94, 131.85, 131.77, 122.15, 41.90. Brown Solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.72 (br s, 3H), 7.87 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 2H). 13C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 135.62, 131.70, 131.50, 131.42, 131.07, 130.01, 41.36. White solid.

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NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>Cl<sup>-</sup>

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.52 (br s, 3H), 7.51 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 6.59 (m, 2H), 3.94 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 157.58, 130.71, 130.56, 122.20, 120.69, 111.34, 56.04, 37.83. Off-White solid.

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NH₃⁺CI⁻

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.63 (br s, 3H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 6H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 149.26, 149.04, 126.79, 121.93, 113.52, 112.00, 56.09, 56.06, 42.50. White solid.

TM5-375



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.83 (br s, 3H), 6.97 (s, 3H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 160.91, 136.64, 107.36, 100.40, 56.07, 55.80, 42.67. Off-White solid.

NH<sub>3</sub>⁺CI<sup>-</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.56 (br s, 3H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 154.32, 151.78, 141.77, 125.21, 119.87, 108.14, 61.51, 60.86, 56.46, 37.13. Off-White solid.

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NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>Cl<sup>-</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.71 (br s, 3H), 6.98 (s, 2H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.64 (s, 3H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 153.22, 137.73, 130.06, 107.10, 60.48, 56.52, 42.86. Off-White

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solid.

NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>CI<sup>−</sup> ÓН

**1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d6):** δ 10.12 (br s, 1H), 8.32 (br s, 3H), 7.25 – 6.73 (m, 3H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H). **13C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO):** δ 148.32, 146.87, 126.75, 120.46, 116.78, 112.53, 56.16, 42.40. White solid.

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NH₃⁺CI⁻

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.63 (br s, 3H), 7.54 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 3.68 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 151.71, 149.67, 122.51, 116.31, 115.58, 111.18, 57.29, 56.87, 37.33. Off-White solid.



<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.53 (br s, 3H), 7.65 – 7.18 (m, 7H), 7.10 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 4.11 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 158.76, 137.41, 131.04, 128.90, 128.29, 128.08, 126.68, 115.25, 69.61, 42.06. Off-White solid.

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.50 (br s, 3H), 7.49 – 7.17 (m, 6H), 7.10 – 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 149.48, 148.19, 137.48, 128.88, 128.31, 128.15, 127.12, 121.85,

113.87, 113.73, 70.31, 56.17, 42.56. Off-White solid.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.55 (br s, 3H), 7.71 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.06 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 3.92 (s, 2H). 13C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  158.34, 138.70, 131.55, 131.14, 131.10, 130.79, 129.83, 128.20, 127.02, 115.26, 68.03, 40.37. Off-white solid.

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<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.43 (br s, 3H), 7.51 (td, *J* = 8.2, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dt, *J* = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H).

**13C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d6):**  $\delta$  161.93 (d, J = 249.9 Hz), 149.51, 148.11, 135.99 (d, J = 5.2 Hz), 132.31 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 127.80, 126.18 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 122.46 (d, J = 17.9 Hz), 121.86, 115.22 (d, J = 22.4 Hz), 114.12, 113.69, 62.11 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 56.05, 42.52. Off-White solid.

NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>Cl<sup>-</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.68 (br s, 3H), 7.50 (d, J=7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J=8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H).
 <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 138.95, 130.94, 130.18, 126.19, 42.08, 15.11. Brown solid.

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NH<sub>3</sub>⁺CΓ

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.75 (br s, 3H), 7.99 (d, J=8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J=8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (**75 MHz, DMSO**): δ 166.37, 139.91, 129.91, 129.74, 129.69, 52.71, 42.16. Off-White solid.

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NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>Cl<sup>-</sup> ۰Ò

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.61 (br s, 3H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 2H).4.02 (s, 2H), 1.29 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMP (75 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  127 82, 124 05, 124 72, 128 70, 84 21, 42 52, 25 12, Off White

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (**75 MHz, DMSO**): δ 137.82, 134.95,134.73, 128.79, 84.21, 42.52, 25.13. Off-White solid.

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<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.23 (br s, 3H), 7.26-7.16 (m, 4H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 0.00 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO):** δ 134.44, 131.35, 128.83, 121.81, 104.28, 65.98, 41.47, -0.50. Off-White solid.

NH<sub>3</sub>+Cl

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.56 (br s, 3H), 7.26 – 6.70 (m, 3H), 6.01 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s,2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 147.70, 147.66, 128.00, 123.41, 109.99, 108.65, 101.65, 42.46. Off-White solid.

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NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>Cl<sup>-</sup>

**1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d6):** δ 8.36 (br s, 3H), 7.03 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 3.56 (s, 4H). **13C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO):** δ 143.98, 143.62, 127.30, 122.52, 118.34, 117.53, 64.53, 42.15. White solid.

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NH<sub>3</sub>+CI

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.74 (br s, 3H), 7.69 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 4.02 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 147.88, 143.96, 111.38, 110.86, 35.41. Off-White solid.

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,NH<sub>3</sub>⁺CI N-N

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-** $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.80 (br s, 3H), 7.45 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 4.11 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d6): δ145.34, 135.75, 135.55, 132.40 (q, J = 38.8 Hz), 130.27, 125.43, 120.15 (q, J = 268.8Hz), 105.26, 38.51, 37.25. Pale brown solid.

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<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.73 (br s, 3H), 8.00 – 7.94 (m, 1H), 7.83 – 7.77 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 139.97, 139.09, 132.82, 130.16, 125.67, 124.87, 122.99, 122.94, 35.65, 12.10. Pale yellow solid.

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'NH<sub>3</sub>⁺CI<sup>-</sup>

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.38 (br s, 3H), 7.45 – 6.99 (m, 5H), 2.89 – 2.56 (m, 4H), 1.99 – 1.87 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 141.35, 128.82, 128.71, 126.41, 38.79, 32.38, 29.10. Off-White solid.

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NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>CΓ

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.19 (br s, 3H), 7.39 – 7.09 (m, 5H), 2.94-2.78 (m, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.74 – 2.59 (m, 1H), 2.56 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.00 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 146.30, 128.94, 127.25, 126.69, 37.79, 36.85, 35.45, 22.49. Off-White solid.

TM5-188

NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>Cl

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.99 (br s, 3H), 6.81- 6.76 (m, 2H), 6.67 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 3.14 – 1.78 (m, 5H), 0.81 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 147.52, 145.80, 133.84, 122.40, 109.74, 108.44, 101.13, 44.30, 33.64, 17.28. Off-White solid.

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<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.31 (br s, 3H), 5.59 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 2H), 2.56 – 1.91 (m, 6H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 0.79 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 141.41, 121.52, 43.66, 43.14, 38.10, 31.41, 31.23, 26.26, 21.30. Brown gum.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.39 (br s, 3H), 5.94 – 5.60 (m, 1H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 3.29 (s, 2H), 2.21 – 2.01 (m, 4H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.56 – 1.51 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 149.31, 131.23, 125.94, 109.47, 48.98, 44.07, 30.29, 27.22, 27.01, 21.02. Colorless gum.

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<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.66 (br s, 3H), 7.74 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 4.40 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H).

**13C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d6):**  $\delta$  162.34 (d, J = 244.3 Hz), 136.20 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 129.72 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 115.82 (d, J = 21.4 Hz), 49.83 , 21.24. Pale Brown solid.

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NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>CI<sup>-</sup>

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.88 (br s, 3H), 8.16 (s, 2H), 4.65 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 156.81(d, *J*=243.2 Hz), 138.49(d, *J*=6.3 Hz), 131.71(d, *J*=19.4 Hz), 128.00(d, *J*=3.1Hz), 120.91(d, *J*=18.6 Hz), 116.45(d, *J*=39.4 Hz), 47.29, 20.03. Brown solid.

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.84 – 8.57 (br s, 3H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (q, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 139.47, 137.80, 129.78, 95.24, 50.09, 21.03. Brown solid.



<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>**):**  $\delta$  8.83 (br s, 3H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.5, Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 4.28 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 0.73 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

**13C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d6):** δ 139.52, 132.30, 130.19, 129.78 (q, *J* = 31.8 Hz), 125.50 (q, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 124.97 (q, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 124.50 (q, *J* = 272.2 Hz), 55.75, 27.76, 10.29. Brown solid.

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.74 (br s, 3H),  $\delta$  7.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 4.61 – 4.53 (m,1H). 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.50 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  157.73 , 149.44 , 128.89 , 126.94 , 122.8 (q, J = 255.75 Hz), 112.81 , 105.36 , 56.75 , 44.52 , 19.63. Off-White solid.

TM5-265



<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.82 (br s, 3H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 4.53 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.45 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  156.39, 130.08, 127.29, 127.21, 120.99, 111.66, 56.15, 45.04, 19.87. White solid.

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<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.77 (br s, 3H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.31–7.20 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14–7.04 (m, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 159.85, 141.54, 130.18, 119.36, 114.20, 113.05, 55.72, 50.50, 21.38. White solid.



<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.61 (br s, 3H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.36 ((d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H),), 4.61 – 4.16 (m, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.51 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMP (75 MHz DMSO):  $\delta$  128 05 126 22 127 07 126 28 40 01 21 02 15 06 Pala brown

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 138.95, 136.23, 127.97, 126.38, 49.01, 21.02, 15.06. Pale brown solid.

TM5-207



<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>**):**  $\delta$  10.05 (br s, 1H), 8.44 (br s, 3H), 6.88 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 6.66 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.03-3.96 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.01 (dd, J = 13.4, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dd, J = 13.3, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 1.18 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H).

**13C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO):** δ 147.98, 145.75, 127.90, 121.93, 115.95, 113.75, 56.03, 48.80, 40.63, 17.97. White solid.

TM5-301



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.11 (br s, 3H), 7.47-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 6.95 (m, 5H), 4.46 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.57 – 3.41 (m, 1H), 3.13-3.03 (m, 1H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 137.45, 136.73, 129.67, 128.87, 128.83, 128.69, 128.42, 127.01, 56.44, 42.57. Pale Yellow solid.
TM5-346



<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.10 (br s, 3H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.97 – 6.78 (m, 5H), 4.36 (dd, J = 10.5, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dd, J = 13.3, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.09 – 2.88 (m, 1H). 2.11 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (**75 MHz, DMSO**): δ 137.21, 135.96, 133.44, 129.47, 129.26, 128.92, 128.85, 128.36, 56.39, 40.46, 21.05. Off-White solid.



<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.02 (br s, 3H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.10 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 4.52 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.64 – 3.31 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  136.54, 136.52, 133.52, 130.44, 129.70, 128.82, 128.77, 127.11, 55.63, 40.50. Pale yellow solid.

TM5-294



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.56 (br s, 3H), 7.46 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.1 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (s, 2H), 4.29 (q, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 147.82, 147.55, 133.49, 121.12, 108.68, 107.76, 101.65, 50.40, 21.19. Off-White solid.

TM5-279

NH₃<sup>+</sup>CΓ

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.77 (br s, 3H), 7.64 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.29 (m, 3H).4.35 – 3.93 (m, 1H), 2.24 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 0.89 (m, 4H), 0.78 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 138.53, 129.07, 128.83, 128.03, 55.00, 34.38, 27.67, 22.12, 14.19. Off-White solid.

TM5-413

NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>CI<sup>−</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.41 (br s, 3H), 7.53 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 4.20–4.14 (t, 1H), 2.01–2.65 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 0.94 (m, 8H), 0.90 – 0.62 (m, 3H).
13C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 138.32, 129.22, 129.04, 127.82, 54.91, 34.65, 31.41, 28.54, 25.41, 22.36, 14.34. Off-white solid.



<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.30 (br s, 1H), 8.22 (br s, 3H), 7.01(d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H),6.75 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H),3.08 (dt, J = 12.2, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.59 – 2.46 (m, 2H), 1.96 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.71–1.64 (m, 1H),1.22 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 156.03, 131.30, 129.46, 115.65, 46.86, 36.62, 30.47, 18.46. Off-White solid.

TM5-342



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.82 (br s, 1H), 8.26 (br s, 3H), 7.01 – 6.35 (m, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.08 – 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.62 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 2.29 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H). **13C** NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 147.92, 145.15, 132.12, 120.73, 115.86, 112.99, 56.09, 46.89, 36.49, 30.87, 18.48. Off-White solid.

TM5-274 (Diastereomeric mixture)

NH₃⁺CI⁻

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.18 (br s, 3H), 3.21 – 2.76 (m, 1H), 2.08 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.56 – 1.23 (m, 4H), 1.03 – 0.83 (m, 2H), 0.78 (s, 9H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 50.05, 47.47, 46.68, 46.15, 32.71, 32.42, 30.81, 28.86, 27.91, 27.79, 25.38, 20.71. White solid.

TM5-206



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.21 (br s, 3H), 3.23 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 1.91- 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.63- 1.58 (m, 4H), 1.49-1.36 (m, 8H).
 <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 51.36, 30.30, 26.72, 25.30, 23.30. Brown solid.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.40 (br s, 3H), 3.64 - 3.48 (m, 1H), 2.24 - 1.95 (m, 4H), 1.90 - 1.61 (m, 8H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 55.18, 37.34, 36.64, 30.38, 29.97, 26.90, 26.82. White solid.

TM5-282



<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.35 (br s, 3H), 7.41–7.33 (m, *J* = 7.2, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 4.11 (s, 1H), 1.85 – 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.64 – 1.40 (m, 4H), 1.38 – 0.97 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO):** δ 135.84, 129.42, 128.58, 128.33, 71.25, 63.31, 34.85, 32.98, 25.47, 21.47, 21.12. Brown solid.

TM5-287

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.50 (br s, 3H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 4.70 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.07 – 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.87 – 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.44 – 2.31 (m, 1H), 2.06 – 1.93 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (**75 MHz, DMSO**): δ 144.39, 139.71, 129.44, 127.11,125.38, 125.37, 55.12, 30.73, 30.27. Off-White solid.

TM5-415

NH₃⁺CI⁻

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta 8.38 - 8.08$  (br s, 3H), 7.38 - 7.07 (m, 2H), 7.05 - 6.74 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.51 - 3.24 (m, 1H), 3.01 (dd, J = 13.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd, J = 13.1, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.09 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 157.72, 131.36, 128.82, 125.04, 120.84, 111.36, 55.79, 47.15, 35.32, 18.10. White solid.

**TM-416** 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.27 (br s,3H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.40 – 3.17 (m, 1H), 3.01 (dd, J = 13.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.75 – 2.59 (m, 1H), 1.16 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 156.65, 130.57, 127.18, 115.83, 66.80, 48.79, 17.83. Off-white solid.

TM5-207

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>**):**  $\delta$  10.05 (br s, 1H), 8.44 (br s, 3H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.03-3.96 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.01 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 1.18 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H).

**13C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO):** δ 147.98, 145.75, 127.90, 121.93, 115.95, 113.75, 56.03, 48.80, 40.63, 17.97. White solid.

**TM-414** 



**1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6):** δ 8.31 (br s, 3H), 7.81(m, 3H), 7.45 – 6.96 (m, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.30 – 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.93 – 2.63 (m, 2H), 2.18 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.28 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H). **13C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO):** δ 157.25, 136.54, 133.26, 129.26, 129.01, 128.02, 127.32, 126.40, 118.99, 106.22, 55.59, 47.03, 36.20, 31.28, 18.49. White solid.



<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.80 (br s, 3H), 8.14 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.74 – 4.57 (m, 2H), 4.46 – 4.33 (m, 1H), 3.90 – 3.52 (m, 4H), 3.39 – 3.18 (m, 4H), 2.16-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.87 (m,1H), 1.82-1.73 (m,1H), 1.67-1.55 (m,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): 162.45 (d, J = 246.7 Hz), 152.41 , 144.56 , 138.10 , 134.51 (d, J = 2.9 Hz),130.44(d, J = 8.2 Hz), 115.91 (d, J = 21.2 Hz), 114.38, 113.24, 54.96, 53.51, 50.12, 43.79, 31.73, 19.90. Pale-yellow solid.

TM5-428

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, Methanol-***d*<sub>4</sub>**):**  $\delta$  8.07 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.91 – 3.85 (m, 2H), 3.22 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 1.69 – 1.51 (m, 4H), 1.36 (p, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (75 MHz, MeOD):**  $\delta$  154.84, 151.28, 146.82, 141.62, 107.36, 40.57, 33.92, 33.22, 29.19, 27.14, 22.31, 17.34. Off-white solid.

TM5-307 (diastereomeric mixture)



**1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d6)** δ 8.13 (br s, 3H), 3.48 – 3.15 (m, 2H), 2.09 – 0.99 (m, 22H), 0.89 – 0.66 (m, 3H), 0.67 – 0.35 (m, 3H). **13C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d6)** δ 80.48, 53.63, 51.17, 46.69, 43.01, 38.40, 37.10, 35.98, 35.49, 31.59, 31.26, 30.97, 30.29, 28.22, 24.28, 23.50, 20.40, 11.79, 11.55. White solid.

TM5-363(diastereomeric mixture)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.14 (br s, 3H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.65 – 6.25 (m, 2H), 3.22-2.71 (m, 3H), 2.45-2.05 (m, 3H), 1.87 – 1.12 (m, 10H), 0.76 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 3H).
13C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 155.58 , 155.56 , 137.46 , 137.44 , 130.41 , 130.29 , 126.57, 126.48 , 115.47 , 115.46 , 113.32 , 113.29 , 59.98 , 59.26 , 51.30 , 47.95 , 43.90 , 43.59, 43.29 , 42.52 , 38.75 , 38.70 , 36.26 , 32.41 , 29.67 , 29.56 , 28.40 , 28.28 , 27.53 , 26.73, 26.21 , 26.13 , 24.69 , 23.57 , 18.36 , 12.18. White solid.

#### TM5-311 (diastereomeric mixture)



<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.52 (br s, 3H), 5.26–5.19 (m, 1H), 4.48 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.62–3.53 (m, 2H), 2.36 – 1.18 (m, 17H), 1.09 – 0.89 (m, 8H), 0.67 (t, *J* = 34.4 Hz, 3H), 0.63–0.59 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (**75** MHz, DMSO): δ 174.07, 149.61, 117.36, 82.11, 53.97, 50.13, 47.73, 42.59, 37.14, 35.46, 32.37, 31.99, 29.09, 27.50, 24.21, 23.49, 20.58, 18.93, 12.31, 9.61. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C22H35O2N2 [M]+ 345.26601; found 345.26632. Off-white solid.

#### TM5-493



<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.13-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.09 – 6.92 (m, 10H), 5.45 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 164.25, 140.51, 131.08, 130.79, 128.84, 128.02, 127.91, 127.71, 126.69, 70.03. . HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C21H18N2 [M]+ 298.14657; found 298.14645. Pale yellow gum.

#### AAS analysis of purified benzylamine to determine Ru content

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#### **Supplementary Figures**



#### Supplementary Figure 1. Demonstrating the synthetic utility for gram-scale reactions.

Reaction conditions: 2-20 g carbonyl compound, 2-3 mol% of  $RuCl_2(PPh_3)_3$  (2 mol% in case of aldehyde, 3 mol% in case of ketone), 5-7 bar NH<sub>3</sub>, 40 bar H<sub>2</sub>, 25-150 mL t-amyl alcohol, 130 °C, 24-30 h. Isolated as free amines and converted to hydrochloride salts. Corresponding hydrochloride salts were subjected to NMR analysis.



**Supplementary Figure 2.** Reductive amination of benzaldehyde and N-benzylidenebenzylamine using RuHCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3.</sub>



**Supplementary Figure 3.** Reductive amination of benzaldehyde using  $RuHCl(CO)(PPh_3)_3$  and cyclohexanone using  $Ru_3(CO)_{12}/CataCxiumPCy$ .



**Supplementary Figure 4.** Reaction of N-benzylidenebenzylamine and dibenzylamine in presence and absence of ammonia with RuCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and hydrogen.



Supplementary Figure 5. Controll reactions to confirm the formation of side product 5.



**Supplementary Figure 6.**  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR (162 MHz, -20 to 80 ppm) of RuCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in methanol, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> at RT, argon atmosphere.



**Supplementary Figure 7.** <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, -20 to 80 ppm) of RuCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in methanol, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> at RT, H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere (1.5 bar), 10 min.



**Supplementary Figure 8.** <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, -20 to 80 ppm) of RuCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in methanol, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> at RT, H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere (1.5 bar), 2.5h.



**Supplementary Figure 9.** <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, -20 to 80 ppm) of RuCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in methanol, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> at 60°C, H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere (1.5 bar), 30 min.



**Supplementary Figure 10.** <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, -20 to 80 ppm) of RuCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in methanol, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> at 60°C, H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere (1.5 bar), 2.5h.



**Supplementary Figure 11.**  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR (162 MHz, -20 to 80 ppm) of RuCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in methanol, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> at 60°C, H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere (1.5 bar), 1.5h, decoupled with reduced power (only aromatic protons are decoupled).



**Supplementary Figure 12.**  ${}^{1}H{}^{31}P$  NMR (400 MHz, -18 to -8 ppm) of RuCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in methanol, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> at 60°C, H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere (1.5 bar), 1.5h.



**Supplementary Figure 13.**  ${}^{1}\text{H}$ - ${}^{31}\text{P}$  HMBC NMR (400 MHz for  ${}^{1}\text{H}$ ) of RuCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in methanol, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> after 2.5h at 60°C under H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere (1.5 bar), measured at RT under H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.

171004.f319.10.hd Thiru TM5-252 PROTON DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1710 19





### Supplementary Figure 14. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum



Supplementary Figure 15. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum



Supplementary Figure 17. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum



Supplementary Figure 19. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum





170926.424.10.hd Thiru TM5-200 Au1H DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1709 24



Supplementary Figure 23. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum


170915.r362.10.hd Thiru TM5-220 PROTON DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1709 2



Supplementary Figure 27. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum







Supplementary Figure 31. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum

170925.1330.10.1td Thiru TM5-245 PROTON DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1709 30



Supplementary Figure 33. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum

170922.1344.10.hd Thiru/ TM5-375 PROTON DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1709 44



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170925.1329.10.1td Thiru TM5-231 PROTON DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1709 29

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170914.423.10.tid Kathir TM5-335 Au1H DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1709 23



Supplementary Figure 49. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum













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170922.1334.10.hd Thiru/ TM5-336 PROTON DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1709 34





**Supplementary Figure 63.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum







Supplementary Figure 65. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum



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Supplementary Figure 71. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum





170815.1333.10.hd Thiru TM5-188 PROTON DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1708 33





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171005.402.10.hd Thiru TM5-247 Au1H DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1710 2





170925.t340.10.ttd Thiru TM5-283 PROTON DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1709 40

NH<sub>3</sub>⁺CI ۶Ĉ



Supplementary Figure 81. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum

170922.1337.10.tid Thiru/ TM5-337 PROTON DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1709 37

IH₃<sup>+</sup>Cľ





Supplementary Figure 85. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum



170922.1332.10.1td Thiru/ TM5-362 PROTON DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1709 32





170918.1328.10.hd Thiru/ TM5-265 PROTON DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1709 28

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170922.1333.10.1td Thiru/ TM5-300 PROTON DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1709 33





170922.1339.10.1td Thiru/ TM5-279 PROTON DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1709 39

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170927.1336.10.1td Thiru TM5-342 PROTON DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1709 36







170927.1336.10.11d Thiru TM5-342 PROTON DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1709 36



Supplementary Figure 112. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum

170915.r355.10.hd Thiru TM5-274 PROTON DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1709 55





Supplementary Figure 114. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum



170927.1337.10.hd Thiru TM5-306 PROTON DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1709 37

10<sup>+</sup>€HN



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Supplementary Figure 128. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum



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171221.1330.10.1td Thiru, TM5-307 PROTON DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1712 30



Supplementary Figure 135. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum

171221.1330.11.nd Thiru, TM5-307 C13CPD DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1712 30



171006.1325.10.hd Thiru TM5-363 PROTON DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1710 25

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Supplementary Figure 137. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum

171006.t325.11.trd Thiru TM5-363 C13CPD DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1710 25



Supplementary Figure 138. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum

170918.t325.10.ttd Thiru/ TM5-311 PROTON DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1709 25



Supplementary Figure 139. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum

170918.r325.11.htd Thiru/ TM5-311 C13CPD DMSO {C:\Bruker\TopSpin3.5pl6} 1709 25



Supplementary Figure 140. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum





Supplementary Figure 142. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum